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1. FOLLOWING NOTE AND ENCLOSURE RECEIVED DECEMBER 14 FROM
GOI FONOFF RE OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON GOI RESTRAINSTS ON MOTOR
VEHICLE IMPORTS:

NOTE

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE
HONOUR TO REFER TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 31 OF 6 SEPTEMBER,
1973, REGARDING THE RESTRICTION ON THE IMPORT OF FULLY
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BUILT UP VEHICLES OF AMERICAN ORIGIN INTO IRELAND UNDER THE

IRISH MOTOR VEHICLES (REGISTRATION OF IMPORTERS) ACT, 1968.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS AWARE THAT THIS MATTER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE GATT AS BEING A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE XI OF THE GATT. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HAS COMMENTED ON THIS NOTIFICATION IN THE TERMS OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACCORDINGLY CONSIDERS THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THIS PROBLEM IS NOW A MATTER TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE GATT.

ENCLOSURE TO NOTE

COMMENT BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT ON THE NOTIFICATION MADE TO THAT GATT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE IRISH MOTOR VEHICLES (REGISTRATION OF IMPORTERS) ACT, 1968

THIS NOTIFICATION REFERS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF DOCUMENT 1/3111 DATED 12TH NOVEMBER 1968 WHICH IS THE 2ND ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GATT ON THE U.K. - IRELAND FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS TO SAFEGUARD THE MOTOR VEHICLE ASSEMBLY INDUSTRY IN IRELAND WERE MADE BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IN AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH MANUFACTURERS AND IRISH ASSEMBLERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. THE ARRANGEMENTS INVOLVED A MINOR DEPARTURE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT IN THAT ASSEMBLED MOTOR VEHICLES WILL IN GENERAL BE IMPORTED ONLY BY IMPORTERS - ASSEMBLERS WHO UNDERTAKE TO MAINTAIN THE SCALE OF ASSEMBLY. UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS ASSEMBLED VEHICLES OF BRITISH ORIGIN SO IMPORTED WERE ADMITTED AT SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES OF DUTY AND WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTION AS TO NUMBER. CORRESPONDING ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE IN THE CASE OF VEHICLES OF NON-AREA ORIGIN SUBJECT IN THE CASE OF PRIVATE MOTOR CARS TO A DUTY PREFERENCE BEING MAINTAINED FOR VEHICLES OF AREA ORIGIN WHICH WAS marginally higher than the minimum preference on such vehicles provided for in the free trade area agreement. TO FACILITATE THESE MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS CHANNELS OF TRADE WERE REGULATED BY REGISTRATION UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES (REGISTRATION OF IMPORTERS) ACT 1968.

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UNDER PROTOCOL NO. 7 TO THE TREATY OF ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IRELAND MAY RETAIN THESE ARRANGEMENTS UP TO 1ST JANUARY 1985. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROTOCOL IS TO ENABLE THE IRISH MOTOR VEHICLE ASSEMBLY INDUSTRY TO ADAPT BY PHASED TRANSITION TO A SYSTEM WHICH IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EEC TREATY.

2. O'CEALLAIGH HAS NOT REPLIED SPECIFICALLY TO THE REPRESENTATIONS WE MADE AS INSTRUCTED STATE 228981 RE

OPENING UP OF QUOTA FOR EC MEMBER STATES OF VEHICLES WHICH
DO NOT QUALIFY FOR IMPORTATION UNDER GOI MOTOR VEHICLES ACT.
GOI CLEARLY CONTENT TO LET MATTER VEGETATE IN GATT. PLEASE
ADVISE NEXT STEP EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE; FURTHER
REPRESENTATIONS/LIKELY TO BE INEFFECTIVE.
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